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000818

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Daniel A. Koos, Steven T. Mayer, Heung L. Park, Timothy Patrick Cleary and Thomas Mountsier**

For: **METHOD FOR FABRICATION OF SEMICONDUCTOR INTERCONNECT STRUCTURE WITH REDUCED CAPACITANCE, LEAKAGE CURRENT, AND IMPROVED BREAKDOWN VOLTAGE**

Assigned to: Novellus Systems, Inc.

**Application Elements:**

- ☒ 23 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 3 Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ (3) Sets of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- ☐ Priority of Application No. filed on  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☐ The certified copy is enclosed.
- ☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.
- ☐ The certified copy will follow.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

|   | (Col. 1)<br>Total Claims |       | (Col. 2)<br>Claims | (Col. 3)<br>Present Extra | Rate    | Additional Fee |
|---|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------|----------------|
| TOTAL   | 47                       | MINUS | 20                 | = 27                      | x 18 =  | 486.00         |
| INDEP.  | 3                        | MINUS | 3                  | = 0                       | x 86 =  | 0.00           |
| [ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim    |                          |       |                    |                           | \$290 = |                |
| Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)             |                          |       |                    |                           | \$770 = | 770.00         |
| TOTAL   |                          |       |                    |                           |         | 1256.00        |
| SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable) |                          |       |                    |                           |         |                |

- ☒ Check No. 8118 in the amount of \$1296.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP068).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

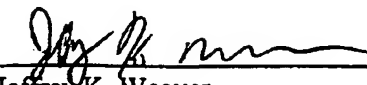
- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NOVLP068).

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In re application of: Koos et al.

Attorney Docket No.: NOVLP068/NVLS-000818

Application No.: NEW

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

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Group: UNASSIGNED

Title: METHOD FOR FABRICATION OF  
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Ryan Eachus

**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION**  
**(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: Oct. 20, 2003

  
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**NOTE:**

This request must be signed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.33(b) and submitted with the application upon filing.

Applicant may rescind this nonpublication request at any time. If applicant rescinds a request that an application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b), the application will be scheduled for publication at eighteen months from the earliest claimed filing date for which a benefit is claimed.

If applicant subsequently files an application directed to the invention disclosed in the attached application in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications, eighteen months after filing, the applicant must notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office of such filing within forty-five (45) days after the date of the filing of such foreign of international application. Failure to do so will result in abandonment of this application (35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(iii)).